

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A process for secure and timed delivery of recallable and erasable email comprising: a sender's mail user agent creating and sending an email having a body to a sender's modified mail transport agent, said sender's modified mail transport agent preprocessing said email to create a modified email that has ~~had~~ a link to a stored image of the body from the email substituted for the body of the email, sender's modified mail transport agent sending the modified email to a recipient's mail transport agent where the modified email is stored awaiting recipient's request, recipient's mail user agent requesting and receiving said modified email from recipient's mail transport agent, executing the link contained in the modified email to request the image of the body of the email from sender's hypertext transport protocol server, sender's hypertext transport protocol server obtaining the image and sending the image to the recipient, and the displaying the image of the body of the email for the recipient.

2. (previously presented) A process for secure and timed delivery of recallable and erasable email according to claim 1 wherein sender's mail user agent employs a secure transmission in sending the email to the sender's modified mail transport agent, and sender's hypertext transport protocol server employs a secure transmission in sending the image to the recipient.

3. (previously presented) A process for secure and timed delivery of recallable and erasable email according to claim 1 wherein the step of said sender's modified mail transport agent preprocessing said email to create a modified email that has had a link to a stored image of the body from the email substituted for the body of the email further comprises: sender's modified mail

transport agent strips the body from the email and creates an image file of the body and stores the image file on a file system, sender's modified mail transport agent creates an entry for the email in a data base, and sender's modified mail transport agent creates a link to the stored image and substitutes the link in the email for the body of the email thereby creating a modified email.

4. (previously presented) A process for secure and timed delivery of recallable and erasable email according to claim 3 wherein the entry created in the data base by the sender's modified mail transport agent for the email further comprises: the body of the email, a time the email was saved, a time the email is first displayed, a total number of times the email is displayable, and a removal time.

5. (previously presented) A process for secure and timed delivery of recallable and erasable email according to claim 4 further comprising the following steps which occur after the step of executing the link contained in the modified email to request the image of the body of the email from sender's hypertext transport protocol server: sender's hypertext transport protocol server receiving the request for the image from the recipient, and the data base recording the time the email is first displayed and counts down one numeral on the counter for the total number of times the email image is displayable.

6. (previously presented) A process for secure and timed delivery of recallable and erasable email according to claim 5 further comprising the following steps which can occur at any time: sender logging onto the website for sender's hypertext transport protocol server, sender viewing all active emails that he has sent and the status of each, sender editing his active emails and editing his

preferences, the sender's hypertext transport protocol server overwriting the original image files and original content of the email and changing sender's preferences, and sender logging off of the website.

7. (previously presented) A process for secure and timed delivery of recallable and erasable email according to claim 1 further comprising the following steps that can be performed at any time: sender logging onto a website for sender's hypertext transport protocol server, sender viewing all active emails that he has sent and the status of each, sender editing his active emails, the sender's hypertext transport protocol server overwriting the original image files and original content of the email, and sender logging off of the website.

8. (previously presented) A process for secure and timed delivery of recallable and erasable email comprising: a sender preselecting with sender's hypertext transport protocol server the sender's preferences for the number of times his emails will be displayable and for the length of time his emails will remain active and available for viewing, a sender's mail user agent creating and sending an email to a sender's modified mail transport agent, said sender's modified mail transport agent preprocessing said email by taking the body from the email and creating and storing an image of the body on a file system and then creating a link to the image that is inserted back into the email as a replacement for the body of the email to form a modified email, sender's modified mail transport agent creates an entry for the email in a data base containing the body of the email and time saved along with the sender's preselected preferences and a blank field for recording the time the email is first displayed, sender's modified mail transport agent sending the modified email to a recipient's

mail transport agent where the modified email is stored awaiting recipient's request, recipient's mail user agent requesting and receiving said modified email from recipient's mail transport agent, recipient executing the link contained in the modified email to request the image of the body of the email from sender's hypertext transport protocol server, the data base recording the time the email is first displayed and counting down on the counter for the total number of times the email is displayable, sender's hypertext transport protocol server obtaining the image and sending the image to the recipient, and the image displayed for the recipient.

9. (previously presented) A process for secure and timed delivery of recallable and erasable email according to claim 8 further comprising the following steps that can be performed at any time: sender logging onto a website for sender's hypertext transport protocol server, sender viewing all active emails that he has sent and the status of each, sender editing his active emails, the sender's hypertext transport protocol server overwriting the original image files and original content of the email, and sender logging off of the website.

10. (previously presented) A process for secure and timed delivery of recallable and erasable email comprising: a sender's mail user agent creating and sending an email to a sender's modified mail transport agent, said sender's modified mail transport agent preprocessing said email by removing and storing the original body of the email and creating a modified email by replacing the original body of the email with directions for the recipient on how to access the stored contents of the original body of the email, sender's modified mail transport agent sending the modified email to a recipient's mail transport agent where the modified email is stored awaiting recipient's request,

recipient's mail user agent requesting and receiving the modified email from recipient's mail transport agent, and executing the directions contained in the modified email to access the body of the email.

11. (previously presented) A method of sending an email, comprising:

storing a file of a body to an email;

creating a modified email that includes a link to the file; and

transmitting the modified email.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, comprising:

opening the modified email; and

executing the link so that the body is transmitted.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the steps of claim 11 are performed by a sender and the steps of claim 12 are performed by a receiver.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, comprising deleting the body.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, comprising modifying the body.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, comprising limiting a number of times the body can be transmitted.

17. (previously presented) A system for transmitting emails, comprising a first device having means for storing a file of a body to an email, for creating a modified email that includes a link to the file and for transmitting the modified email.

18. (previously presented) The system of claim 17, comprising a second device having means for opening the modified email and for executing the link so that the body is transmitted.

19. (previously presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the first device includes means for deleting the body.

20. (previously presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the first device includes means for modifying the body.

21. (previously presented) The system of claim 17, further comprising means for limiting a number of times the body can be transmitted.